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SUBJ: OPRED - PROPOSAL TO EXPAND OVERSEAS STAFF OF INTERNAL
REVENUE SERVICE

REF: STATE 93101; KUALA LUMPUR 2117

1. THE EMBASSY INTERPOSES NO OBJECTION TO THE
THREE MAN INCREASE IN THE OPRED AMERICAN PERSONNEL
CEILING TO ACCOMMODATE AND STAFF A REGIONAL IRS
OFFICE IN KUALA LUMPUR. ON THE CONTRARY, WITH GOM
POLICY CURRENTLY ENCOURAGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
REGIONAL OFFICES IN EXPANDING INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS
IN MALAYSIA, THE REGIONAL IRS OFFICE WOULD PROBABLY BE
WELCOME.

2. GIVEN THE LIMITED SPACE ACCOMMODATIONS CURRENTLY
AVAILABLE WITHIN THE EMBASSY, HOWEVER, QUARTERS FOR
THE OFFICE WOULD HAVE TO BE PROVIDED SEPARATELY, AND
PROBABLY IN ANOTHER BUILDING. THIS POSES NO
PROBLEM SINCE ADQUATE SPACE OF THE TYPE
REQUIRED BY IRS IS IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE IN NEARBY,
NEWLY CONSTRUCTED OFFICE BUILDING AT A FAIR RATE.

3. ASSUMING THAT EMBASSY WILL FUND DIRECT AND
INDIRECT COSTS, THE FOLLOWING REPRESENT ANNUAL COST
ESTIMATES IN US DOLLARS: (BASED ON ONE GS-13 AND
ONE GS-9, EACH WITH WIFE AND ONE SCHOOL AGED CHILD,
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AND ONE GS-7 SINGLE SECRETARY).

ITEM/OFFICERS/SECRETARY/TOTAL

TLA/7,200/450/7,650

COLA/1,450/670/2,120

EDUCATION ALLOWANCE/4,200/-/4,200

RESIDENCE:

RENT/17,000/4,200/21,200

MAINTENANCE/1,000/500/1,500

UTILITIES/6,500/2,880/9,380

FURNITURE, ETC/26,000/10,000/36,000

OFFICE:

RENT (900 SQFT)/6,400/-/6,400

UTILITIES/1,700/-/1,700

PARTITIONING, ETC/3,000/-/3,000

FURNITURE, ETC/8,300/-/8,300

TOTALS: 82,750/18,700/101,450

4. THE ESTABLISHMENT IN KUALA LUMPUR OF THE REGIONAL SECURITY

OFFICE AND THE ASSUMPTION DURING THE RECENT PAST

OF SUPPORT SERVICES FOR JUSTICE/DEA AND AF/CINCPAC

INCREASED THE AMERICAN STAFF TO WHOM SUCH SERVICES

WERE PROVIDED BY SIX. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY THIS EMBASSY TO SIX AGENCIES

(15) AMERICAN AND 8 LOCAL PERSONNEL) IN SINGAPORE,

ALL OF WHICH FUNCTIONS WERE ABSORBED WITH NO INCREASE

IN PERSONNEL. REGRETEABLY, ANY ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

WERVICE TO BE PROVIDED, INCLUDING THAT FOR IRS, WILL

NECESSITATE ADDITIONAL STAFFING. THE FOLLOWING

FACTORS ALSO MERIT CONSIDERATION IN THIS AREA:

A. ON MAY 26 THE PAYROLL FUNCTION FOR BOTH

KUALA LUMPUR AND SINGAPORE IS BEING TRANSFERED TO

FADPC BANGKOK. AS A RESULT OF THIS, THE MEBAZZY

UNDERSTANDS THAT IT WILL LOSE ONE LOCAL POSITION.

B. ON JULY 1 THE EMBASSY WILL ASSUME MAINTENANCE

OF USIS AND RSO REAL PROPERTIES - LANDLORDS NOW

REFUSE TO PROVIDE OTHER THAN MAJOR REPAIRS IN THIS AREA.

C. A CAREFUL REVIEW OF THE PERSONNEL UNIT'S

OPERATIONS INDICATES THAT A FULL-TIME AMERICAN

POSITION IN THAT AREA IS NOT REQUIRED. (A MORE

DETAILED REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT WILL BE SUBMITTED BY

SEPARATE COMMUNICATION).

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5. IF THE IRS PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A REGIONAL

OFFICE IN KUALA LUMPUR MATERIALIZES, THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS:

A. ABOLISHMENT OF THE AMERICAN PERSONNEL OFFICER

POSITION, AND,

B. ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE AMERICAN JUNIOR OFFICER

POSITION TO BE USED AS TRAINING POSITION IN GENERAL

ADMINISTRATION, B&F, GENERAL SERVICES AND PERSONNEL -

NO ONE UNIT AT THIS TIME REQUIRES THE FULL-TIME
ASSIGNMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL POSITION, BUT EACH
DOES NEED A PART-TIME HELPING HAND.

C. REVOCATION OF THE DECISION TO REDUCE B&F UNIT
BY ONE LOCAL POSITION. IN ADDITION TO ADDITIONAL
REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN PARA 4 ABOVE, THE FY-75
SAS STATISTICS REFLECT AN INCREASE OF 22 PC IN VOUCHER
PAYMENTS AND CHECK ISSUANCES DURING 1974.

D. ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE LOCAL POSITION IN THE
GENERAL SERVICES UNIT PRIMARILY TO ASSIST IN THE
REAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM BUT ALSO TO ASSUME
PARTIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUBLICATION PROCUREMENT,
PETTY CASH PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTS.

E. THE ADDITION OF ONE NON-PASSENGER VEHICLE
(ESTATE WAGON OR SCOUT) TO BE ESPECIALLY FITTED AND
SUPPLIED FOR USE IN THE REAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
PROGRAM. NO DRIVER POSITION IS REQUIRED SINCE
GENERAL SERVICES PERSONNEL WILL DRIVE THE UNIT.

6. WHILE THE QUARTERING OF IRS OUTSIDE THE
EMBASSY IS SUITABLE ON A SHORT TERM BASIS, IT MAY
BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO PROVIDE QUARTERS FOR THE
OPERATION IN THE NEW CHANCERY WHEN IT IS CONSTRUCTED.
IF AFFIRMATIVE CONSIDERATION IS GIVEN TO ESTABLISH
AN IRS OFFICE IN KUALA LUMPUR, THE ADDITIONAL
REQUIREMENTS FOR 900 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE
FOR THAT AGENCY SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF
FBO FOR INCORPORATION IN THE PLANNING AND
CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW BUILDING.

7. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE
BEING ADVISED DECISION SOONEST.
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